

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 5-22 stand withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 3 and 4 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable at least for the reasons discussed below.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Ham in the June 3 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the specification. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification to obviate this objection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1-4 to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Boujet (U.S. Patent No. 4,320,367). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed during the personal interview, Boujet does not disclose or suggest a second output planar line being separately formed and electrically isolated from a first output planar line and provided at a second edge of a first E plane coupling window or a second E plane coupling window, as recited in independent claim 1.

In particular, Boujet discloses a band pass filter that has an inlet length of waveguide 1, three resonant cavities (3, 4, 5) and an outlet length of waveguide 2. The Office Action asserts that Boujet discloses one output line and another output line. Applicants respectfully

disagree. Specifically, at Fig. 1, Boujet merely discloses waveguide 2 that is one outlet and has a top conductive wall and a bottom conductive wall. Thus, the top conductive wall and the bottom conductive wall are connected by the conductive body of the waveguide 2, and are not electrically isolated from each other. Therefore, Boujet does not disclose that the top conductive wall separately is formed and electrically isolated from the bottom conductive wall.

Thus, Boujet does not disclose or suggest a second output planar line being separately formed and electrically isolated from a first output planar line and provided at a second edge of a first E plane coupling window or a second E plane coupling window, as recited in independent claim 1.

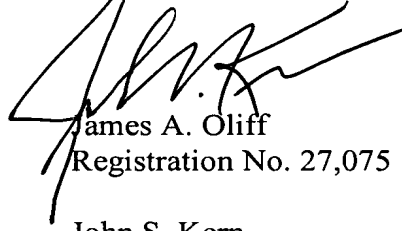
Therefore, independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claim 2 depends from independent claim 1, and therefore also defines patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Additionally, claims 5-7 depend from independent claim 1, and are therefore also allowable by virtue of its dependency as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 5-7.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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